

NITTI FRIEND OF U. S., MARCONI DECLARES

New Italian Premier Desires Close Business Relations With America

ROME TO PRESS CLAIMS

By the Associated Press
Rome, June 24.—"Francesco Nitti, the new Italian premier, is undoubtedly a statesman who is most friendly to America," said Guglielmo Marconi today in speaking of the new cabinet.

It is known that Signor Nitti wishes to establish close financial, economic and commercial relations with America to bring about the resurrection of Italy from the consequences of the war. He has the highest regard for President Wilson, having been acquainted with him as a fellow educator, as well as a politician. The two men were cordial when Signor Nitti visited America in 1917 as a member of the Italian mission headed by the Prince of Udine.

The newspapers favorable to Baron Sonnino, former minister of foreign affairs, and the nationalist press are unfavorable to the new cabinet, maintaining it is not particularly keen to uphold Italy's claims. Tommaso Tittoni, the new foreign minister, who will be the chief Italian delegate at Paris, has declared "a satisfactory peace for Italy must be such as will allow her to conclude equitable treaties, insure raw materials for her industries, protect her emigration and safeguard her position in the Adriatic and Mediterranean, besides giving her her legitimate colonies."

Impartial political observers agree that the downfall of the Orlando ministry was due to Italy's disapproval of the handling of the nation's affairs at the Peace Conference. When Signor Orlando returned from the conference in April, the Italian parliament signified by a vote the country's attitude of insistence upon Italian claims, but after six weeks more at the conference the Italian delegates completely failed in their task.

"The new government must go to Paris with a firmer resolve to secure the ends for which Italy fought," said Captain Gabriele d'Annunzio, the Italian post-aviator. "Woe to it if it should return without having accomplished this mission. Italian claims on the Adriatic must be allowed. This is the dictum of the Italian people which has been expressed several times by the people and parliament."

FEDERALS CLASH WITH VILLA BAND

Capture Twenty-two Rebels and Kill Eight—Bandits Poorly Clothed and Hungry

Juarez, Mexico, June 24.—(By A. P.)—Federal troops under General Pablo Quiroz clashed with Villa forces under Nicolas Fernandez, near Villa Ahumada Sunday, according to an announcement at military headquarters here, killing eight of the Villa men. No estimate of the federal losses was given. The rebels captured twenty-two Villa followers and more than thirty horses, the announcement said.

El Paso, Tex., June 24.—(By A. P.)—Villa's forces were scattered, his men dismounted and many without rifles or ammunition when they passed through Samalayuca and San Jose Saturday going west from the railroad, said a rancher who has arrived. He said many of the Villa men were without shoes and all were hungry.

Villa's wounded, the rancher said, were being taken to San Lorenzo, seventy-five miles south of Villa Ahumada, where Villa had established a hospital for his wounded prior to the battle of Juarez.

He confirmed the presence of the federal troops at Villa Ahumada, and said the Villa column had headed westward toward Casas Grandes, leaving the railroad south of Samalayuca. Villa was making an effort to reorganize his columns to prevent General Pablo Quiroz's cavalry attacking it in the rear, but the Villa forces were badly demoralized following the American pursuit, he said.

WANT DUVAL FOR MURDER

Under Suspicion for Slaying of New Haven Woman in Barn

New Haven, June 24.—(By A. P.)—The police of Springfield, Mass., and other Bay state towns, as well as several Connecticut communities, have been asked to watch for a Frenchman named Duval, who is wanted in connection with the murder of Mrs. Esther Nopercraft, sixty-one years old, whose horribly mutilated body was found in a barn here on Thursday.

Although the police and coroner have given out nothing on the case, it was learned last night that Duval is the only person on whom they have attached suspicion in connection with the murder. It is said he formerly was employed in mills about Springfield and a few months ago had been working in the neighborhood of Mrs. Nopercraft's home here.

TO EXTEND AIR MAIL LINE

Chicago-to-Omaha Plan Cuts Day From Cross-Country Time

Chicago, June 24.—(By A. P.)—Postoffice authorities contemplate extending the air mail service from Chicago to Omaha, according to information received yesterday. The message said that, if the extension were made, the time of mail service between the Atlantic and the Pacific would be lessened at least twenty-four hours.

FIGHTING ON RIGA FRONT

Estonians and Germans End Seven-Day Truce in Battle

Copenhagen, June 24.—(By A. P.)—An Estonian official communication announced that after seven days' truce the Estonians and German Baltic landwehr have resumed hostilities along the entire front, from the Gulf of Riga to Rombold. The British mission here failed in its attempt to arrange an understanding.

BRUNO DUKE Solver of Business Problems

By HAROLD WHITEHEAD Copyright.

THE PROBLEM OF THE VANISHED PROFIT

Henry Malabon's Letter

IT WAS a proud and memorable day for me when I married Mary Gill-lespie—Mary Flint now—Bruno Duke acted as best man, much to my huge delight.

He left early in the evening, for he had to be in Buffalo the next day and that meant leaving Farmdale in time to catch the express at Worcester. Mary and I spent a short two weeks in the Berkshires, and then we started our new life in New York. We were fortunate enough to get an apartment near to Francis Graham—you remember that married my sister Lucy—bachelor apartment on Seventy-seventh street.

It was a Wednesday morning when I began work again. Just before reaching the end of our street I looked back for the fifth time and waved my hat in response to Mary's waving curtain.

In a few minutes I climbed up the familiar stairs at Seventy-seventh street and entered Duke's room.

There he was, as quiet and calm as ever. He had just finished his breakfast and was removing the breakfast things, of course, he was wearing his woefully flowered dressing jacket and had just lighted his hookah.

"All right," he greeted me with a wave of his hand and the tightly held hookah rick curled around like a snake with its mouth open. "It's good to see you back again. How are you and how is your good-too-good-for-you wife?"

"Both splendid, Mr. Duke," was my response. "I'm glad to be back at work in spite of having had a wonderfully good vacation."

"Lucky fellow—south, a winged vision, a charming wife, the happiness of a really truly home—!" He silently puffed on his hookah for a while and then said: "I'm very comfortable here, just the same—a bachelor has many advantages over poor married men."

He stretched luxuriously in his big easy chair and sighed contentedly—and yet I felt that he was not so contented as he said.

Bruno Duke is more than well known; his name is known all over the country. He is in demand all the time as a business counselor and as a speaker to announce him as the principal speaker at a business meeting is to assure a full house—and yet he was a lonely man. He had thousands of acquaintances, but few friends.

If he could only find some one like Mary, but perhaps it's better for him to be single, for he's so settled in his habits of bachelorhood that perhaps he couldn't change.

"When you've finished your sorrowful inspection of me, Peter, I suggest that you make yourself comfortable and we will take up what's happened since your absence."

I started guiltily and excused myself. Then for an hour we discussed the details of various cases that we had in hand until I was familiar with what had transpired since my absence.

"There," Duke said, with an air of finality, "that brings us up to date."

"And what case do I work on now, Mr. Duke?" I asked.

"Here's a little case that you can handle without me." He ran through a number of letters and picked out one which he passed to me and which read as follows:

Mr. Bruno Duke:
Dear Sir—Having heard about you I decided to write to you to see if you can help me. I say, however, that before you look on this as a settled thing that you let me know the cost, for I have not much money.

I have run a hardware store for three years and my father had it before me. He died suddenly and I got his business. Now, my father always made a good thing out of it and for one year I did pretty good; then last year I did poor, and this year I just broke even.

I used to be on a dairy farm and know that business. I also used to help my father, so I know a whole lot of the hardware business. I had no real schooling, as my father did not believe in it. He said that "experience" is the only thing that counts.

Here's what worries me. My expenses are no bigger. I put on a good profit to more than cover expenses and my sales are as big as ever. My wife and me and three (3) young men (not counting a boy who delivers) are all there and I know we are all honest.

What worries me is, where have my profits gone? Can you help me, for it's got my goat?
Yours truly,
HENRY MALABON,
Ashton, New York.

TODAY'S BUSINESS QUESTION
What is a "surrender"?
Answer will appear tomorrow.

ANSWER TO YESTERDAY'S BUSINESS QUESTION
A "transshipment" is removing goods from one ship or conveyance to another.

DIKELI OCCUPIED BY GREEKS
Legation at Washington Hears of Further Advance by Troops
Washington, June 24.—The Greek legation, on basis of advices from Athens, announced officially that the city of Dikeli has been occupied by Greek troops. This is the stepping stone to Pergamos.

SCAPA FLOW MAKES FRANCE SUSPICIOUS

Paris Paper Says Britain Will Be Responsible if League Is Scuttled Also

EDITORS' SHARP CRITICISM

By the Associated Press

Paris, June 24.—Newspaper comment in some cases shows much bitterness over the acts of those whom the Figaro calls "a perfidious race with no respect for their pledged word."

Some criticism is directed at the British Admiralty, the Journal saying: "No article in the armistice forbade the maintenance of British guards aboard the German ships."

L'Espresso says the fate of the German ships was that proposed for them by the British government.

"Germany," says L'Action Francaise, "may one day, if we are not careful, scuttle the league of nations as she scuttled the fleet. Premier Lloyd George and Sir Robert Cecil will be just as much responsible that day as are now the authorities at Scapa Flow."

It is likely that the whole subject will come up for discussion in Parliament.

Viscount Gustave de Kerguellec, member of the naval committee of the Chamber of Deputies, told the budget committee of the chamber yesterday that he had warned the French ministry of marine previously that the German fleet interned in Scapa Flow was not being watched with sufficient care.

The budget committee then decided to ask Premier Clemenceau for further information on the subject of the sinking of the ships and the steps the French government proposed to take to have the loss made good.

By the Associated Press
London, June 24.—The German Admiralty denies a rumor in circulation in Paris and elsewhere that the Germans had sunk the remainder of their warships in German harbors.

Admiral von Reuter, in command of the German fleet scuttled and sunk in the Scapa Flow, will be court-martialed for having broken the armistice conditions, says the Daily Mail today.

The newspaper adds that the details of the trial of the admiral will be arranged by the allied council in Paris.

Three of the German warships which their crews attempted to sink at Scapa Flow Saturday have been beached and the Baden is moored in readiness for beaching. It was announced officially today. There is every prospect of salvaging the ships in good condition if the necessary apparatus arrives before bad weather sets in. The ships beached are the cruisers Emden, Frankfurt and Nürnberg.

Two destroyers are afloat and eighteen have been beached. It is added that there is no prospect of saving the other destroyers without elaborate operations.

STRIKE MENACES PARIS

Metal Workers' Communication Considered Invitation to All Unions

Paris, June 24.—(By A. P.)—The National Metal Workers' Union, after a meeting extending over two days, issued a communication last evening saying that it had given authority to the Federation of Metal Workers to convene a meeting of inter-federal unions with a view of taking "general united action."

This is believed to imply that a simultaneous general strike of all trades may be proposed.

ATLANTIC FLIGHT SET FOR WEDNESDAY

Handley-Page Pilot Waits West-erly Breeze to Start for Europe

St. John's, N. F., June 24.—Vice Admiral Mark Kerr, pilot of the Handley-Page bombing plane which is waiting at Harbor de Grace for favorable weather for a transatlantic flight, announced here last night he hoped to get away Wednesday.

He will fly with the first strong westerly breeze, he said. Captain Frederick P. Raynham, who is preparing for his second attempt at the flight with a small Martinsyde bi-plane, stated that he probably would await the next full moon, which is due about July 15. He expects to pass the

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State Police charged with having stolen quantities of wine and liquor from the cellars of the prison. The liquor had been piled ready to be carried away according to charge. The accused were held in jail in default of \$500 to await next term of court. They described themselves as Alvas Chester and Al Wilmer.

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